(c) and (d) During the last three years, no case of misuse has been reported to the Ministry. As such no enquiry has been conducted in this regard.

***Statement***

*Year-wise releases under SCA to TSP and article 275(1) of the Constitution and expenditure reported by the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the last three financial years*

SCA to TSP (Rs. in Lakh)

| Year | Amount released | Expenditure reported |
|---|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | 514.05 | 531.61 |
| 2001-2002 | 643.53 | 654.52 |
| 2002-2003 | 643.53 | 514.82 |

Art. 275 (1) (Rs. in Lakh)

| Year | Amount released | Expenditure reported |
|---|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | 99.50 | 0.00 |
| 2001-2002 | 78.00 | 0.00 |
| 2002-2003 | 80.00 | 0.00 |

**Tribal people of Uttaranchal**

†2593. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the tribal people are living in the Ranwai-Jaunpur and, Thatyood block of Uttranchal;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the people of Jaunsar-Bhabhar-area who are following the same social and cultural traditions like the residents of the said Blocks have been granted the tribal status;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the justification for not granting the said status to the people of Ranwai-Jaunpur and Thatyood area;

(d) whether his Ministry would consider the proposal of granting the tribal status to the said areas; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a)to (e) Representations have been received for the inclusion of Rawaltas and Jaunpuris of Uttranchal in the list of Scheduled Tribes. It has been stated in the representations that, in respect of social and cultural traditions, they are akin to the Jaunsaris, who have been notified as a Scheduled Tribe in Uttranchal. The representations have been processed as per the modalities approved for deciding such claims. No specific time scheduled can be indicated at this stage, as the matter involves consultation with the concerned State Governments, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Further Scheduled Tribes status can only be conferred through on Act of parliament, after the Government of India's approval has been obtained.

**Financial assistance under article 275 to States**

2594. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of name of States which are entitled for financial assistance under Article 275 of the Constitution;

(b) the amount released during the last three financial years, State-wise;

(c) the approximate time by which the amount has been released; and

(d) the purpose for which the amount is released and utilized?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (b) A statement is Annexed. (*See* below).